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This will refer to your memorandum of February 13, 1961, advising that you have solicited the views of the Central Intelligence Agency concerning this matter and that we would be subsequently furnished your opinion regarding the need for further investigation.

For your additional information, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 21, 1961, that the Cuban radio made several broadcasts that day announcing seizure of a boat and capture of an American and four Cuban counterrevolutionaries at Cabanas, Pinar del Rio, with arms and ammunition. The broadcasts identified the Cubans as Gilberto Betancourt, Francisco Garcia, Marciano Belo Martinez and Augusto Marvel. The American's name was not distinguishable to the source. The March 22, 1961, issue of the "Miami Herald" carried an article entitled "Yank, Four Others Seized in Cuba With Arms Load," Associated Press, Havana. The news article announced the capture of five men, including an American who was identified as August MacNair, in an arms-laden motor launch. The launch was identified as the "Mercury" and, according to the article, the announcement of the capture of this group followed reports that rebel forces had started a major buildup in the hills of Pinar del Rio Province where substantial numbers were awaiting the arrival of arms.

On March 22, 1961, Angus K. McNair, Coral Gables, Florida, advised his son, Angus McNair, Jr., had been arrested by Cuban authorities the previous day when located in a boat loaded with guns. McNair stated his son had been recently associated with Frank Fiorini who is an American adventurer and self-professed leader of a group of anti-Castro individuals. McNair last saw his son on March 4, 1961, at

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which time McNair, Jr., announced he was leaving for Cuba. For your information, McNair, Sr., is an accountant in a Miami law firm in which Senator George Smathers of Florida is an inactive member.

On the night of March 21, 1961, another source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported that Orlando Bosch, who is a civilian delegate of the Movimiento Insurreccional de Recuperacion Revolucionaria in Miami, learned of the seizure by Cuban authorities of this group in Cuba. He identified Marciano Belo, also known as Guajira, as being among this group. Bosch confided the group had been taken by the boat "Jolly Roger" to a point off the coast at Cabanas, Pinar del Rio Province, where they were transported by skiff to the shore at which point they were apparently apprehended.

On March 22, 1961, Inspector Willis Smithson of the United States Border Patrol, Miami, advised that on March 11, 1961, the "Jolly Roger" was reported in the Florida Keys with Angus K. McNair, Jr., and eight unnamed Cubans on board. On March 12, 1961, the "Jolly Roger" was reported in the Key West, Florida, area with Elidio C. Surty y Goichoheca, Cuban alien, on board. On March 19, 1961, the "Jolly Roger" arrived at the Lower Matacombe Key near Key West and as of March 22, 1961, it was at this location having loaded eight 55-gallon fuel drums on board. Captain Enrique Rodriguez Ibanez of the "Jolly Roger" has been ordered to report to the Immigration and Naturalization Service at Miami.

On March 21, 1961, the Central Intelligence Agency advised the captured group could possibly be an independent operation of the Frente Revolucionario Democratico, an anti-Castro unity organization, but that Central Intelligence Agency had no operational interest in this matter and it is in possession of no knowledge regarding the "Mercury." (S) (X) (u)

For your additional information, the first source mentioned in this letter advised that Gilberto Betancourt was arrested in 1957 by the Batista government on a bombing

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IS DASH CUBA, RA DASH CUBA, NM. RE MIAMI REPORT OF SA
GEORGE E. DAVIS, JR., JAN. EIGHTEEN LAST AT MIAMI AND BULET
TO ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GEN., JAN. TWENTYFOUR LAST. ON MARCH

TWENTYONE LAST, MM FOUR NINE TWO DASH S ADVISED THAT CUBAN
RADIO QUOTE VOZ END QUOTE MADE SEVERAL BROADCASTS THAT DAY
ANNOUNCING SEIZURE OF A BOAT AND CAPTURE OF AN AMERICAN
AND FOUR CUBAN COUNTERREVOLUTIONARIES AT CABANAS, PINAR DEL
RIO, CUBA, WITH ARMS AND AMMUNITION. BROADCASTS IDENTIFIED

CUBANS AS GILBERTO BETANCOURT, FRANCISCO GARCIA, MARCIANO
BELO MARTINEZ AND AUGUSTO MARVEL. AMERICAN-S NAME WAS NOT
DISTINGUISHABLE TO INFORMANT. TODAY-S ISSUE OF MIAMI HERALD
CARRIED ARTICLE ENTITLED QUOTE YANK, FOUR OTHERS SEIZED IN

CUBA WITH ARMS LOAD END QUOTE, DATED LINE ASSOCIATED PRESS 28 1961
HAVANA. THIS ARTICLE ANNOUNCED CAPTURE FIVE MEN, INCLUDING
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Cuba

AN AMERICAN IDENTIFIED AS ~~AUGUST~~ MAC NAIR, IN ARMS LADEN
MOTOR LAUNCH. BOAT IDENTIFIED AS QUOTE MERCURY END QUOTE.
ACCORDING TO ARTICLE, ANNOUNCEMENT OF CAPTURE THIS GROUP
FOLLOWED REPORTS THAT REBEL FORCES HAVE STARTED MAJOR
BUILDUP IN HILLS OF PINAR DEL RIO PROVINCE WHERE SUBSTANTIAL
NUMBERS WERE AWAITING ARRIVAL OF ARMS. THIS MORNING ANGUS
~~K. MC NAIR~~, ^{SR} CORAL GABLES, FLA., ADVISED HIS SON, ANGUS MC NAIR,
JR., HAD BEEN ARRESTED BY CUBAN AUTHORITIES YESTERDAY IN
BOAT LOADED WITH GUNS. MC NAIR SAID HIS SON HAD RECENTLY
BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH ~~FRANK FIORINI~~, ^{U.S.A. - Cuba} WHO IS AMERICAN ADVENTURER
AND SELF DASH PROFESSED LEADER OF GROUP ANTI DASH CASTRO
INDIVIDUALS. MC NAIR LAST SAW SON MARCH FOUR LAST WHEN SON
ANNOUNCED LEAVING FOR CUBA. FOR INFO BUREAU, MC NAIR, SR.
IS ACCOUNTANT IN MIAMI LAW FIRM IN WHICH SENATOR GEORGE
~~SMATHERS~~, OF ^{PC} FLA., IS INACTIVE MEMBER. *Cuba*
Fla LAST NIGHT, MM SEVEN
TWO SIX DASH S REPORTED THAT ~~ORLANDO BOSCH~~, WHO IS CIVILIAN
DELEGATE OF MIRR IN MIAMI DISCLOSED HAD JUST LEARNED OF
SEIZURE BY CUBAN AUTHORITIES OF AN MIRR GROUP IN CUBA. HE
IDENTIFIED MARCIANO BELO, AKA GUAJIRA, AS AMONG THIS GROUP.
BOSCH CONFIDED THIS GROUP HAD BEEN TAKEN ON BOAT QUOTE
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JOLLY ROGER END QUOTE TO POINT OFF COAST AT CABANAS, PINAR
DEL RIO PROVINCE, WHERE THEY WERE TRANSPORTED IN SKIFF TO
SHORE, WHERE THEY WERE APPARENTLY APPREHENDED. TODAY 7/9.
INSPECTOR WILLIS SMITHSON, U. S. BORDER PATROL, MIAMI, Cuba
ADVISED THAT ON MARCH ELEVEN LAST, JOLLY ROGER WAS REPORTED
IN FLA. KEYS WITH ~~ANGUS K. MC NAIR, JR.~~, AND EIGHT UNNAMED CUBANS
ON BOARD. ON MARCH TWELVE LAST, JOLLY ROGER REPORTED IN 7/9.
KEY WEST AREA WITH ~~ELIDIO C. SURI Y GOICHOHECA~~, CUBAN Cuba
ALIEN, ON BOARD. ON MARCH NINETEEN, JOLLY ROGER ARRIVED
LOWER MATACOMBE KEY, NEAR KEY WEST, AND AS OF TODAY STILL
THERE HAVING LOADED EIGHT FIFTYFIVE GALLON FUEL DRUMS ON
BOARD. CAPT. ~~ENRIQUE RODRIGUEZ IBANEZ~~ OF JOLLY ROGER WAS Cuba - 7/9
ORDERED REPORT INS, MIAMI. [YESTERDAY, CIA ADVISED GROUP
CAPTURED COULD BE INDEPENDENT OPERATION OF FRENTE REVOLUCIONARIO
DEMOCRATICO, AN ANTI DASH CASTRO UNITY ORGANIZATION, BUT
THAT CIA HAD NO OPERATIONAL INTEREST IN THIS MATTER AND THEY
ARE IN POSSESSION NO KNOWLEDGE RE QUOTE MERCURY END QUOTE. (S) (X) (u)
MM FOUR NINE TWO DASH S HAS ADVISED THAT GILBERTO BETANCOURT
WAS ARRESTED IN FIFTYSEVEN BY BATISTA GOVT. ON A BOMBING
CHARGE AND THAT FILES OF BUREAU FOR REPRESSION COMMUNIST
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ACTIVITIES IN CUBA PRIOR OVERTHROW BATISTA GOVT. REFLECTS
BETANCOURT WAS MEMBER OF POPULAR SOCIALIST PARTY, CUBA
COMMUNIST PARTY. ALSO, BETANCOURT WAS AMONG PARTY OF
NINETYONE CASTRO INSPIRED CUBANS WHO INVADED PANAMA IN
APRIL FIFTYNINE. MM FOUR NINE TWO DASH S ALSO ADVISED
THAT ONE FRANCISCO GARCIA WAS CAPT. OF BOAT USED BY CUBAN
INVADERS OF PANAMA, BUT NOT KNOWN IF HE IS IDENTICAL TO
FRANCISCO GARCIA CAPTURED IN CUBA INSTANT CASE. MARCIANO
BELO MARTINEZ WAS ON BOARD JOLLY ROGER SEPT. LAST WHEN
U. S. BORDER PATROL STOPPED BOAT DURING PRACTICE RUN.
MIAMI ATTEMPTING LOCATE ORLANDO BOSCH FOR COMPLETE FACTS,
BUT WILL NOT CONDUCT FURTHER INVESTIGATION PURSUANT
INSTRUCTIONS BUREAU SET FORTH IN REFERENCED BULET TO AG.
MIAMI WILL SUBMIT LETTERHEAD MEMO SUITABLE DISSEMINATION
FOLLOWING INTERVIEW BOSCH.

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